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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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TO: PARTIES INTERESTED IN RESOLUTION M-4809

Draft resolution M-4809 contemplates authorizing the Executive Director to grant deviations to GO 96-A and to issue rules for submitting and serving tariff sheets, Advice Letters, contracts and supporting documents solely by email or other electronic media, for withdrawing, canceling, and rejecting these submittals, and how the utilities should maintain copies of these submittals, including effective and cancelled tariff sheets.

Draft resolution M-4809 of the Executive Division is available at the Commission's web site:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/COMMENT_RESOLUTION/25742.htm.

Parties who require a paper copy of this draft resolution should direct their request to me.

This draft resolution will be on the agenda at the June 5, 2003, Commission meeting. The Commission may then vote on this draft resolution, or it may postpone a vote.

When the Commission votes on a draft resolution, it may adopt all or part of it as written, amend or modify it, or set it aside and prepare a different resolution. Only when the Commission acts does the resolution become binding on the parties.

Parties interested in draft resolution M-4809 may submit comments on the draft resolution. An original and electronic media version (floppy disk or CD-ROM) must be served on parties to the following list by May 20, 2003:

http://webpageserver.cpuc.ca.gov/published/service_lists/R9807038_2198.htm

The date of submission is the date the comments are received by the Commission.

Comments are limited to 5 pages, plus a subject index listing the recommended changes to the draft resolution, a table of authorities and an appendix with proposed findings and ordering paragraphs. Comments shall focus on factual, legal, or technical errors in the draft resolution.

Late-submitted comments will ordinarily be rejected. However, in extraordinary circumstances, a request for leave to submit late comments may be filed with the proposed comments. An accompanying declaration under penalty of perjury shall be submitted with all the reasons for the late submission.

Replies to comments may be submitted 5 days after comments are submitted and are limited to identifying misrepresentations of law, fact, or condition of the record contained in the comments of other parties. Replies are limited to three pages and are submitted and served in the same manner as comments.

William Ahern Executive Director